



Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot

Los Angeles, CA

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Quick Reference Fact Sheet

EPA's Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower States, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield is a site, or portion thereof, that has actual or perceived contamination and an active potential for redevelopment or reuse. Since 1995, EPA has funded more than 200 Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilots, at up to \$200,000 each, to support creative two-year explorations and demonstrations of brownfields solutions. The Pilots are intended to provide EPA, States, Tribes, municipalities, and communities with useful information and strategies as they continue to seek new methods to promote a unified approach to site assessment, environmental cleanup, and redevelopment.

BACKGROUND

EPA has selected the City of Los Angeles for a Brownfields Pilot. The Pilot designation follows as part of EPA's commitment to Los Angeles as a Brownfields Showcase Community. Los Angeles is an ethnically diverse city of more than 3.6 million citizens. In some areas, nearly 40% of the population lives below the poverty level and unemployment is higher than 17%. The City has thousands of vacant parcels and underused facilities along commercial and industrial corridors with suspected contamination. A study conducted by the City's Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) in South Central Los Angeles found 344 potentially contaminated sites within a three-mile radius. Because these sites are located on industrially zoned property near major transportation routes, their economic potential is exceptional. The Alameda Corridor is a 20-mile route between the Los Angeles/Long Beach ports and rail distribution yards located southeast of the Los Angeles Civic Center. Improvements in the Alameda Corridor are expected to make the area more attractive to business and promote brownfields redevelopment, local job creation, and community revitalization.

PILOT SNAPSHOT



Los Angeles, California

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Profile: The Pilot targets brownfields located along the 20-mile Alameda Corridor for assessment and redevelopment.

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<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/brown/index.html>

For further information, including specific Pilot contacts, additional Pilot information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at:
<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>

OBJECTIVES

Los Angeles' objective is to continue integrating partnerships with Federal agencies, the community, and others in the City's brownfields program. Productive reuse of brownfields will include redevelopment, open space, housing, education, job training, energy efficiency, and social and environmental equity issues. Los Angeles plans to accomplish its objective through an interdepartmental team structure which will identify, coordinate and target brownfields resources. The City will encourage the use of State Voluntary Cleanup Agreements when appropriate.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Activities planned as part of this Pilot include:

- Leveraging Los Angeles' designation as a Brownfields Showcase Community to form new Federal partnerships;
- Developing strategies and mechanisms to address barriers to brownfields redevelopment, including using the Los Angeles Brownfields Revitalization Fund and the Federal Brownfields Tax Incentive;
- Documenting and integrating brownfields lessons learned into the City's redevelopment process; and
- Developing effective community participation processes which are sensitive to environmental justice issues based on recommendations of the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council.

The cooperative agreement for this Pilot has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.